

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-9 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

It is unclear to the Examiner, in Claims 1 and 7, whether or not just an outdoor heat exchanger and two radiators are being claimed in the claims' broadest interpretation or whether or not the "running engine", "running motor" and "hybrid automobile" are positively recited and necessary parts of the claims. Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the issue presented by the Examiner as well as to address other issues related to clarity. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. The species principally illustrated in Figure 1 as described on page 6, line 24 - page 11, line 15;
- II. The species principally illustrated in Figures 2 and 4A as described on page 11, line 16 – page 13, line 17;
- III. The species principally illustrated in Figures 5 and 4B as described on page 13, line 18 – page 15, line 7;
- IV. The species principally illustrated in Figures 6 and 4A as described on page 15, line 8 – page 16, line 20;

V. An indeterminant number of additional unillustrated variants of the above four species described on page 16, line 21 – page 17, line 18.

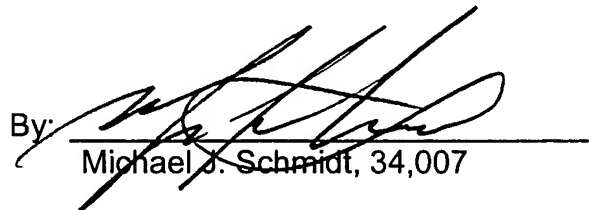
Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Species I principally illustrated in Figure 1. Applicant believes that Claims 1-5 and 7-9 read on the elected species and that at least Claim 1 is generic. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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